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Board to hold hearings on shellfish-related illness

Wednesday, March 11, 1 – 4:30 p.m., Department of Health, Point Plaza East, 310 Israel Road S.E., Rooms 152 and 153, Tumwater

The Board will hold public hearings on two proposed changes to its shellfish rule. One change would update a reference to the minimum national performance standards. The other would help prevent illnesses caused by consuming raw or undercooked oysters that contain the *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* bacterium. The Board will hear the proposed rule changes concurrently.

The Board will also hear a briefing on proposed sewage tank rules. Other agenda items include a review of ongoing activities related to the school environmental health and safety rule, and a legislative update.

The meeting is open and the public is invited to provide testimony on any public health issue at 3:40 p.m. Copies of the agenda and related materials are available by contacting the board at 360-236-4100 or on the [Board of Health Web site \(www.sboh.wa.gov\)](http://www.sboh.wa.gov). The emergency and media contact number for the board during the meeting is 360-701-2398.

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